

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Kristof CHWALISZ et al.

Group Art Unit: 1617

Serial No.: TO BE ASSIGNED

Examiner: R. Tavers

Filed: January 14, 2002

For: IMPLANTATION RATES AFTER IN VITRO FERTILIZATION, AND
TREATMENT OF INFERTILITY AND EARLY PREGNANCY LOSS WITH A
NITRIC OXIDE DONOR OR SUBSTRATE ALONE OR IN COMBINATION
WITH PROGESTERONE, AND A METHOD FOR CONTRACEPTION WITH
NITRIC OXIDE INHIBITORS IN COMBINATION WITH ANTIPROGESTINS
OR OTHER AGENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel original claims 1-11, 15-32 and 36-47.

Please add new claim 48 as follows:

--48. The method of claim 33, wherein the nitric oxide synthase inhibitor is L-NAME.--

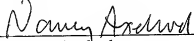
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REMARKS

Claims 12-14, 33-35 and 48 are drawn to a method of fertility control, are currently under consideration. These claims were restricted (and not elected) as Restriction Group I in the parent application (USSN 09/162,446), of which this is a divisional application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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